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Meeting with the Munitions Board Petroleum Committee (MBPC) concerning  
the NIS petroleum program

1. At 1000, 2 March 1950, a meeting was held at the Pentagon at which the following persons were present:

Admiral Biggs  
Col. Worcester  
Cdr. Shepherd  
Cdr. Rane

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2. [redacted] stated that CIA would be glad to assist the MBPC in obtaining desired information from all Washington sources, whether CIA agencies or other government departments. Messrs. [redacted] and Kirkpatrick advised that their office was in a position to supplement Washington material with information obtained direct from industry. These men indicated that CIA would place all of its collection facilities at the disposal of the MBPC.
3. Admiral Biggs responded by saying that MBPC was glad to be assured of CIA's assistance, and that he believed every effort should be made to avoid instances of both MBPC and CIA going to the same sources for the same information, whether government or non-government. He advised that MBPC in connection with the NIS project was already making use of operational contacts previously established in government agencies in order to overlook no opportunities for obtaining required data in Washington. Admiral Biggs described at length the activities of the Military Petroleum Advisory Board which is composed of a number of the top men in the oil industry. He said that while MBPC seeks its advice in connection with all manner of petroleum problems, MBPC would not ordinarily request the Military Petroleum Advisory Board for aid in connection with a project like the NIS petroleum program; that MBPC in addition maintained day to day contact with many people in the oil industry who were in a position to furnish almost any type of information.
4. Admiral Biggs agreed to furnish CIA with a list of MBPC's information requests on the Military Petroleum Advisory Board. Messrs. Kirkpatrick and [redacted] felt this information would be useful for their guidance. Admiral Biggs was of the opinion that use of the contacts previously established by MBPC in government and industry, plus the collection services CIA was prepared to render, would assure obtaining expeditiously all information required for the NIS petroleum program. He said that as the program got under way MBPC would make full use of CIA's information sources, and that he felt certain NIS petroleum requirements

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could be fulfilled without CIA and MEPO duplicating each other's efforts.

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